



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	06/29/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	06/22/15 – 06/29/15
<b>Report Number</b>	47

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	13-Bryan, 16-Conroe, 16-Houston, 16-Pierce, 16-Texas City, 21-Weslaco

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

The State of Texas continues to respond to ongoing flooding in a number of areas where river basins continue to remain at major flood status. Long term recovery continues for many portions of the state that were impacted by the severe weather, tornadoes and flooding. Heavy rainfall and flooding continued with the Tropical Storm Bill's impact on parts of the State, which exacerbated already saturated grounds and swollen rivers, lakes, and creeks.

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott issued Emergency Disaster Proclamations on May 11, May 15, May 25, May 26, May 29, June 3, June 18 and June 22, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding incident that began on Monday May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Disaster conditions persist in many parts of the State. Therefore, the Governor of the State of Texas, has amended the aforementioned proclamations and declares a disaster in Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Dewitt, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Milam, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Young and Zavala Counties, authorizing mobilization of State resources to assist impacted communities. This brings the total number of counties so far to 110.

The Governor requested and the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4223) on May 29, 2015. This action ordered federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the affected areas, beginning on May 4, 2015. The President's actions makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Harris, Hays, and Van Zandt Counties. Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt Counties.

Amendment No. 2 to DR-4223 was issued on June 9, 2015. Amendment No. 2 includes the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President on May 29, 2015, and related determinations: Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Baylor, Bowie, Burleson, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Comal, Comanche, Fannin, Fayette, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Harrison, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Liberty, Lynn, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Wilson, and Zavala Counties for Public Assistance. Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Denton, Henderson, Johnson, Milam, Montague, Rusk, Travis, Williamson, and Wise Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

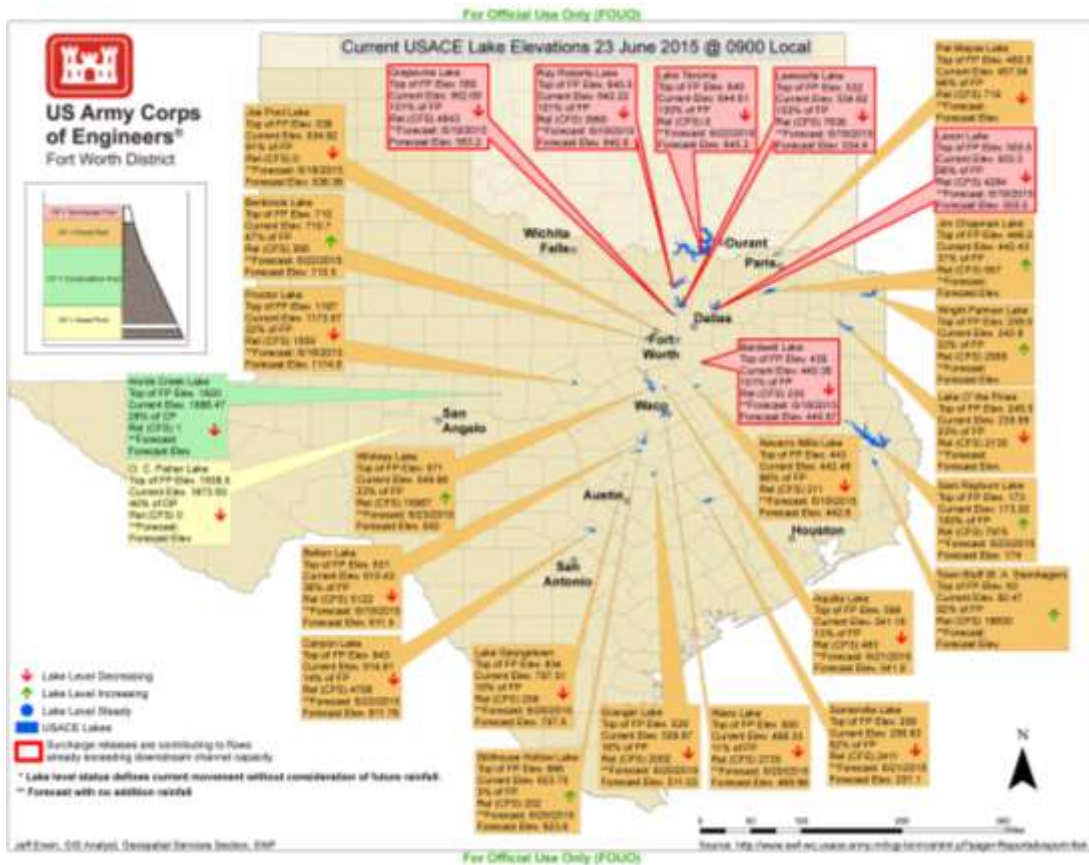
Amendment No. 3 to DR-4223 was issued on June 16, 2015. Amendment No. 3 is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) amendment which declared Dallas and Nueces Counties as primary natural disaster areas. In addition Aransas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Jim Wells, Kaufman, Kleberg, Rockwall, San Patricio and Tarrant Counties as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Management (EM) loan assistance.

TX Notice FLP-1043 was issued on June 3, 2015. Family farmers in the following Texas Counties may qualify for Farm Service Agency Emergency Management Loan Assistance, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Federal Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: Andrews, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Caldwell, Chambers, Comal, Cooke, Dawson, Denton, Ellis, Fort Bend, Freestone, Gaines, Galveston, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Martin, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Rains, Smith, Terry, Travis, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wise, Wood, and Yoakum Counties.

Individuals who sustained damage within the State of Texas during the May storms, may call **1-800-621-3362** to register with FEMA.

#### **Lewisville Lake Dam (Denton County)**

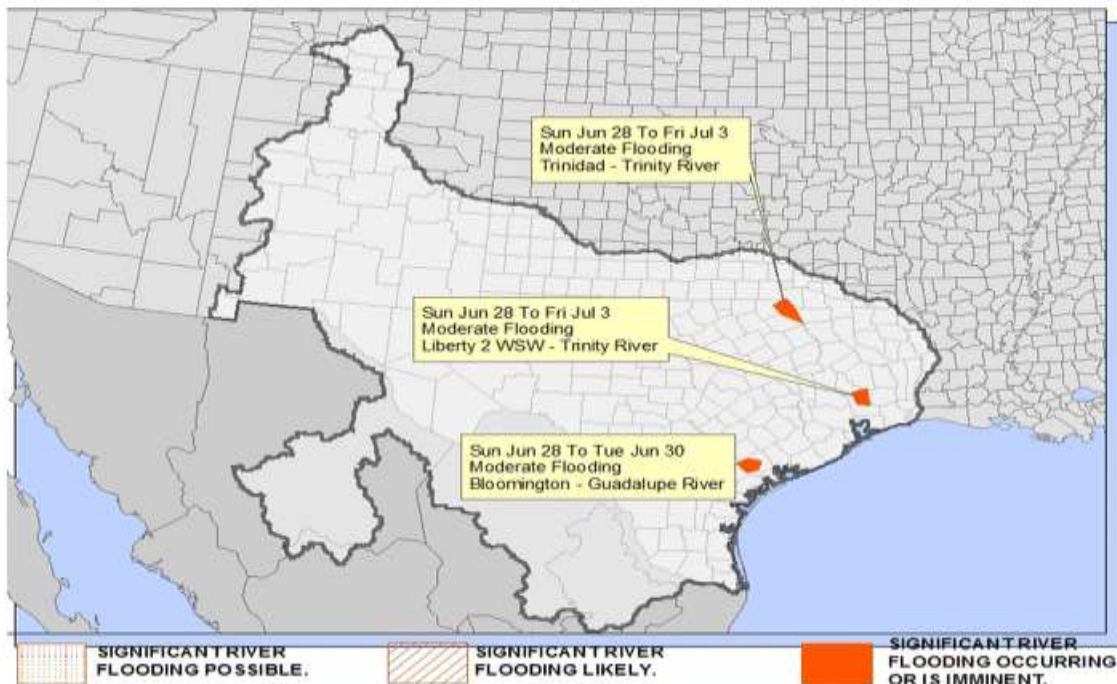
On June 24, 2015, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued the following NOTIFICATION Message. The following is a Dam Safety declaration by the USACE, Fort Worth District (CESWF). Lewisville Lake Dam (NID#TX00008) has issued a NOTICE due to a shallow embankment slide above the current high water line. There is not a concern for a dam failure, but *Signs of Distress* have been identified and are being assessed. Discharges from Ray Roberts have been suspended to allow the pool level to equalize. Discharges from the Lewisville spillway of around 7500-cfs have been ongoing for the past month down the Trinity River and will continue. Engineering teams are evaluating the site condition, implementation of protective and remedial measures are underway. The Fort Worth District EOC remains active.



## Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 6/28/2015 - 7/3/2015

West Gulf River Forecast Center 6/28/2015 10:58:49 AM



**Red River:**

There is still main stem river flooding ongoing due to the heavy rains brought by the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill as it moved through the area. Reservoirs in both the Arkansas and Red River basins are still in flood control operations.

**River Flooding:**

**Brazos Basin** – Major Flooding

**Trinity Basin** – Major, Moderate and Minor Flooding

**Guadalupe Basin** – Moderate Flooding

**Red Basin** – Moderate Flooding

**Neches Basin** – Minor Flooding

**Sabine Basin** – Minor Flooding

**Operational Priorities:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid and effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

**Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

**DDC 4 Hurst** (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties):

**Denton County:** The County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline (DSO).

**Palo Pinto County:** The County submitted a DSO.

**Tarrant County:** The County submitted an updated DSO.

**Wise County:** The County submitted an amended DSO.

**DDC 22 Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

**Fannin County:** State Highway (SH) 78 at the Red River Bridge remains closed due to flood-driven soil and pavement erosion on the Oklahoma side of the bridge. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will initiate bridge repairs once the Red River is within its normal banks. ODOT and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have re-routed traffic West onto U.S. Highway 69/75 for the interim. The County submitted an amended DSO.



**Grayson County:** SH 406 east of SH 289 and several other roads were damaged due to flooding.

**Region 2** (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 13 Bryan** (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties): DDC 13 Bryan remains at Level III (Escalated Response Conditions).

**Leon County:** The County submitted an amended DSO.

**DDC 14 Lufkin** (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

**Angelina County:** The County submitted an amended DSO.

**San Jacinto County:** Flooding occurred on the roads in some precincts, and Lake Livingston Dam continues releases. The County submitted an amended DSO correction and a Disaster Declaration extension.

**DDC 16 Conroe** (Includes Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties): DDC 16 Conroe remains at Level III (Escalated Response Conditions).

**Liberty County:** The County submitted an extended Disaster Declaration and an amended DSO.

**DDC 16 Houston** (Includes Harris and Chambers Counties): DDC 16 Houston remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions).

**City of Houston (Harris County):** City of Houston EOC is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The City has submitted a DSO.

**DDC 16 Pierce** (Includes Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties)

**Colorado County:** The County submitted a Disaster Declaration, Disaster Summary Outline, and a Letter to the Governor for Tropical Storm Bill.

**Wharton County:** The County submitted an amended DSO.

**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties): DDC 16 Texas City remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Brazoria County:** Brazoria County submitted an amended DSO and Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) on June 22 and June 24.

**City of Galveston (Galveston County):** The City submitted a Disaster Declaration and a DSO.

**Galveston County:** The County submitted a Disaster Declaration and is working on a DSO.

**Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, 24)

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi** (Includes Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Live Oak, Nueces and San Patricio Counties): DDC 20 Corpus Christi is monitoring stream and river flooding. Some areas in the district are still inaccessible due to local and rural roadways closed.

**Jim Wells County:** The County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Request Letter to the Governor.

**City of Alice** (Jim Wells County): A letter to the Governor and Disaster Declaration were submitted.

**DDC 21 Weslaco** (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo and Wilacy Counties): Heavy rainfall from June 18 and 19 have impacted Counties in DDC 21 - Weslaco. DDC 21 has increased their readiness to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Hidalgo County:** Hidalgo County submitted amended and corrected DSOs. The Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) supported field operations to include water pumping/removal operations, sheltering operations and vector control. Multiple road closures were reported in the area due to water pumping/operations and/or water on the roadways. The American Red Cross (ARC) continues to support shelter operations. Flooding affected 211 homes. FEMA established a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in the City of Edinburg on Wednesday, June 24.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 1 Amarillo** (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties)

**Hall County:** The County has submitted a Local Disaster Declaration and Request Letter to the Governor.

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wilbarger, Wichita and Young Counties)

**Montague County:** The County submitted a DSO for Tropical Storm Bill.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18, 23)

**DDC 11 Waco** (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)

**Bosque County:** Damage assessments continue. A Disaster Declaration and extensions and a DSO were submitted. The County has renewed its request for PDA.

**Hill County:** A Disaster Declaration, Request Letter and DSO were submitted. The PDA was deferred due to Tropical Storm Bill, but has been rescheduled.

**McLennan County:** A DSO and Disaster Declaration were submitted, damage assessments continue.

**DDC 17 Victoria** (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties)

**Victoria County:** The County submitted a Request Letter and DSO for Tropical Storm Bill.

**DDC 23 Waco:** (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

**Bell County:** The County submitted a final DSO for Tropical Storm Bill.

**City of Holland:** A DSO was submitted as a result of the flooding event on June 17, 2015. Damage assessments are ongoing.

**City of Bartlett:** A Local Disaster Declaration was issued due to a water system failure, but the issue was resolved using local resources.

**Milam County:** A DSO, Disaster Declaration and Letter of Request for Assistance were submitted. An applicant brief was conducted on June 19, 2015 and the County is eligible for Individual and Public Assistance on the federal declaration.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS** **REPORTS**

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** There are eight Boil Water Notices (BWNs) in Brazoria, Liberty, Harris, Walker, and Denton Counties. Also, numerous Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) have been reported around the State due to flooding. TCEQ Region Offices continue to monitor the situation.

**Texas Department of Insurance (TDI):** TDI has distributed information to media outlets and social media advising that consumers can get help with filing their insurance claims by calling the Consumer Help Line **800-252-3439**.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):** TDHCA continues to coordinate resource delivery through its local Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") program administrators, typically Community Action Agencies ("CAAs"), which serve impacted counties, to provide gift cards for gas, food, and essentials, and possible hotel vouchers to income eligible households. Community Action, Inc., of Central Texas ("CACT"), a CAA, is directing displaced tenants of the San Marcos Housing Authority managed properties to call HUD's toll-free line at **800-955-2232** for assistance. They also are providing a list of TDHCA-funded affordable multi-family property vacancies to households upon request.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to monitor roadways for flooding, debris and damage. TxDOT currently has 19 roads with flood conditions and 4 roads closed due to flood damage.

**Civil Air Patrol, Texas Wing (TxCAP):** CAP conducted two photo surveys of flood damage in Hidalgo County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Six transport sorties; 133 total sorties to date; 311 total flight hours to date.

### **Amateur Radio Operations**

Throughout the months of May and June, various Amateur Radio organizations have provided support to various entities that were impacted by the severe weather event.

**Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES):** Prior to the onset of severe weather, RACES personnel throughout the state conducted equipment and site inspections and communications checks at the various DDCs and EOCs they support. During the periods of severe weather, RACES personnel directly supported the following locations:

**RACES District 3 Wichita Falls:** In Wichita County, provided liaisons to the combined City-County EOC. Personnel provided computer support enabling NWS radar and NWS Chat support to EOC staff. RACES personnel supported the combined EOC providing 104 man hours, supporting 12 city, county and state organizations. RACES / ARES personnel supported the NWS SKYWARN net providing 1024 man hours.

**RACES District 4 Garland:** RACES personnel supported operations at the City of Garland EOC, which can also operate as an Alternate EOC for the DDC. Personnel provided communications on multiple days between the alternate EOC and the DDC.

**RACES District 4 Hurst:** RACES personnel supported county EOCs in Denton, Johnson and Tarrant counties.

**RACES Districts 11/23 Waco:** Personnel were on standby and monitored various radio nets to include analog and digital networks. Personnel also supported the National Mass Care Exercise, which was conducted June 8-10. Personnel deployed to Camp Mabry and supported the Texas Salvation Army SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) communications trailer.

**RACES District 12 Austin:** Personnel deployed to the SOC to support the American Red Cross (ARC) operating in the SOC. Personnel also supported State RACES operations being conducted and monitored at the SOC.

**RACES District 16 Conroe:** Personnel provided communications support to the Walker County EOC via both Amateur Radio and Mobile Satellite Radio systems (MSAT). Personnel also provided support to the EOC by providing admin support at the EOC and patrolling impacted areas to provide situational awareness to the EOC.

**RACES District 16 Houston:** On June 15<sup>th</sup> Harris County OEM requested Amateur Radio support for TS Bill. A team of 6-8 operators were activated to support 12 hour shifts. The team consisted of members from ARES and RACES. Personnel operated from the Joint EOC located at TRANSTAR.

**RACES District 16 Pierce:** RACES personnel supported the Fort Bend County EOC when it activated to Level 2 on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SOC Austin:** RACES personnel communicated with various RACES and SATERN stations throughout the duration of the severe weather periods. Personnel were also able to monitor local emergency and weather nets.

**Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES):** ARES sections throughout the State established and monitored various communications networks, to include the NWS SKYWARN weather net. Personnel provided storm spotting reports to the NWS and local EOCs. The following is a summary ARES support to EOCs or net activations:

**Bastrop County:** EOC activated and ARES personnel manned stations in the EOC.



**Caldwell County:** Supported EOC and ARC operations to include monitoring of Social Media reports.

**Hays County:** Supported EOC and ARC operations to include monitoring of Social Media reports.

**Hidalgo County:** Provided assistance via HF radio net to a Weslaco resident attempting to contact family in impacted Wimberley area.

**Kerr County:** Activated and monitored SKYWARN net.

**Milam County:** Activated and monitored ARES Emergency net.

**Travis County:** Travis County EOC activated and manned by ARES personnel.

**Walker County:** ARES personnel supported Walker County EOC providing support in admin, communications and logistics.

**Williamson County:** Williamson County EOC activated and manned by ARES personnel.

The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) Amateur Radio organizations were monitoring the situation and conducted internal operations as required to support their missions. Both organizations were prepared to provide additional support if required.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** FEMA has received 14,181 Individual Assistance (IA) applications, approving 7,023 of them. IA funds have been approved for \$30.7M. Scheduled inspections are 88.4 percent complete. FEMA Mobile Registration Intake Center (MRIC): MRICs are operational in Athens (Henderson County), Martindale (Caldwell County), Wimberley and San Marcos (2) in Hays County, Fort Bend County, Corsicana (Navarro County), Van Zandt County and two in Houston. FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) have been established in Bastrop, Caldwell, Harris (2), Hays (2), Henderson, Hidalgo, Van Zandt, and Williamson Counties.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center is at Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions). The SOC continues to monitor the situation and additional situation reports will be published as required.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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